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PATENT

Applicants: John O. Marsden, et al.

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Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING METALS RECOVERY USING HIGH
TEMPERATURE PRESSURE LEACHING

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER IN ACCORDANCE
WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b)**

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Honorable Commissioner:

Phelps Dodge Corporation is the sole owner of the instant application, the same as the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,451,088 in that the instant application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/238,088, filed on September 9, 2002 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,626,979); which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/912,967, filed on July 25, 2001 and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,451,088. U.S. Patent No. 6,451,088 was assigned to Phelps Dodge Corporation by way of a proper Assignment which was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012026, Frame 0626. U.S. Patent No. 6,626,979 was assigned to Phelps Dodge

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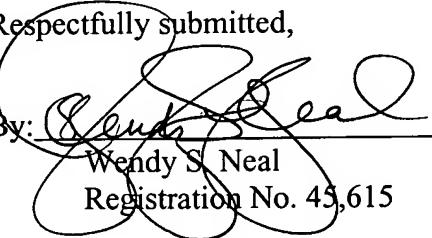
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CONCLUSION

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